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SUBJECT: BIOLOGICAL EFFECT OF VINYL CHLORIDE MONOMER

1. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY A MEMBER OF THE NZ PARLIAMENT REQUESTING INFORMATION WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED IN THE UNITED STATES ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A CAUSAL LINK BETWEEN VINYL CHLORIDE MONOMER (GAS) AND ANGIOSARCOMA, A FORM OF LIVER CANCER.

2. THE CONCERN OF THE M P STEMS FROM THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLANS TO ESTABLISH A PLANT TO MANUFACTURE POLYVINYL CHLORIDE REWINS IN HIS ELECTORATE. SOME RESIDENTS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBLE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF THE SUBJECT GAS AS A RESULT OF CERTAIN EVIDENCE WHICH ALLEGEDLY FIRST EMERGED IN THE UNITED STATES. AS THE PROPOSED PLANT WILL HAVE MULTI MILLION DOLLAR PARTICIPATION BY B F GOODRICH US PARTICIPATION, THE M.P. HAS TURNED TO US FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING PERTINENT MEDICAL REPORTS AND EVIDENCE BEARING ON THE SUBJECT.

3. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ASAP. IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF A BRIEF TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY CAN BE SENT, AS WE UNDERSTAND THAT OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT IS GROWING AND IF FACTS WARRANT IT, PROMPT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO FORESTALL OBJECTIONS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PLANT.

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